



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Tyrone Ford was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment by the Honorable Laurie Smith-Camp, United States District Judge, following his conviction for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 5 grams of Crack Cocaine. Ford was ordered to serve 4 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On December 17, 2008, Omaha police officers served a Court Authorized Search Warrant for crack cocaine at a North Omaha residence. During service of the warrant officers located 6.0 grams of crack cocaine on top of a bed (one package). Suspect Ford was in the hallway adjacent to the bedroom upon officer's entry. During a post-arrest interview Ford denied the crack cocaine was his, but said the crack belonged to his 17 years old nephew who he had been teaching how to sell crack for the past two months.

Name of Defendant: Tyrone Ford

AKA:

AGE: 34

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 5 grams of Crack Cocaine, 5-40 years imprisonment, \$2,000,000 fine, 4 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 6 grams of Crack Cocaine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: N/A

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: October of 2008 through December 17, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: April 3, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: March 20, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 7, 2009

Plea Date(s): June 4, 2009

Sentencing Date: September 3, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: In custody since Federal arrest.

In Continuous Custody Since: April 3, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: TJK